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SUBJECT: LARG PLANNING NUCLEAR STUDIES PROGRAM IN U.S.

1. AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF LARG'S LONG RANGE INTEREST IN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT IT PLANS SEND 128 STUDENTS TO U.S. FOR NUCLEAR-RELATED STUDIES EARLY IN 1975, ACCORDING ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR LIBYAN ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY MOHAMMAD AL-SHEIBANI. SHEIBANI WILL VISIT U.S. THIS MONTH WITH MOHAMMAD MUKHTAR BRAYRA, TRAINING SUPERVISOR OF LAEA, AND MILAD MOHAMMAD QRAYMID, CHIEF OF MISSIONS, MINEDUCATION. GROUP WILL SPEND NEXT FEW WEEKS PLACING STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

2. STUDENTS ARE ALL RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES SELECTED SOLELY BASIS ACADEMIC RECORDS; 128 CHOSEN OUT OF 450 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS. STUDENTS WILL STUDY ENGLISH UP TO EIGHT MONTHS, HOPEFULLY NEAR OR AT UNIVERSITY WHERE THEY WILL STUDY. THEY WILL THEN COMMENCE UNIVERSITY STUDY FOR FOUR YEARS AND, MORE PROMISING STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE WITH GRADUATE STUDIES.

3. SHEIBANI EXPLAINED THAT STUDENTS ARE EMPLOYED BY LAEA AND ALL EXPENSES ON ACCOUNT LAEA. HE EXPECTED LARGER GROUPS OF STUDENTS TO FOLLOW INITIAL ONE. PRIMIN JALLUD, UNDER WHOSE DIRECT GUIDANCE LAEA FALLS, WAS SAID TO HAVE QUESTIONED WISDOM OF SENDING
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ALL STUDENTS TO U.S. PREFERRING TO SEND SOME TO

UK, FRANCE OR WEST GERMANY. SHEIBANI SAID HE
EXPLAINED TO HIM LEADERSHIP U.S. IN THIS FIELD,
LARGER NUMBER OPENINGS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES,
DESIRABILITY LAEA HAVE STUDENTS WITH UNIFORM
EDUCATION IN ORDER WORK TOGETHER. SHEIBANI SAID
LAEA INTERESTED IN ALL PHASES NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY
WITH IMMEDIATE EMPHASIS ON THERMAL GENERATING AND
DESALINATION CAPABILITIES.
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